

If you're concerned about the many proposed changes that KDADS intends to make to the IDD service system in the near future, take action to convince legislators to intervene.



Your voice can make a difference in keeping Kansans with IDD from being harmed due to governmental overreach and bad public policy.

Goal:

To alert Kansas legislators of the many impending changes to IDD services that KDADS plans on making soon and urge them to intervene.

Strategy:

All Kansans who have an interest in maintaining a stable, sustainable service system for Kansans with intellectual and developmental disabilities need to speak up now. The Legislature can intervene to ensure that proposed changes won't cause harm to Kansans with IDD. Emailing, calling and meeting with your legislators now is key to helping them understand the importance of examining planned changes during the legislative session.

Advocacy Guidelines:

- Be polite, clear and concise when presenting your concerns to legislators.
- Use the talking points on the next page to illustrate the many changes that KDADS intends to make to the IDD service system simultaneously during the next several months.
- Share personal stories in your own words to explain the importance of the IDD system in your home community.
- Ask that the legislature examine the changes that KDADS intends to make and that the legislature intervene to ensure that harmful outcomes do not happen to Kansans with IDD from poorly planned initiatives unleashed on an overly aggressive timeline.



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Talking Points:

- In the near future, KDADS intends to make sweeping changes to the IDD service system. All of these initiatives represent major and potentially irreversible change to the network of services that was built by Kansas communities to support our most vulnerable Kansans.
- KDADS has not adequately examined the potential impacts of their proposed system changes and has not sufficiently answered the questions and concerns of families, stakeholders and legislators.
- In the near future, KDADS intends to:
 1. Change the assessment tool (from BASIS to MFEI) and process for how all Kansans with IDD will have their level of care determined.
 2. Overwrite the existing five-tiered funding structure for provider reimbursement and replace it with three tiers of funding and one capped enhanced rate.
 3. Require IDD service providers to negotiate directly with Managed Care Organizations to obtain additional funds for many Kansans with IDD.
 4. Dismantle the existing agency-based Targeted Case Management network with the expectation that new non-agency-based TCM providers will spring up to provide the vital service. This may cause significant and widespread gaps in TCM coverage across the state.
 5. Require many of the 27 regional Community Developmental Disability Organizations (CDDOs) to undergo significant organizational restructuring or cease operations.
 6. Require individuals and families to undergo a new annual waiver assessment process that will take approximately two hours to complete – twice as long as the process currently used.
 7. Make sweeping changes to how Day Services are provided to Kansans with IDD across the state.
 8. Restrict provision of center-based work opportunities (workshop settings) to Kansans with IDD after six months of participation, regardless of those individuals' choices in where they want to work.
 9. Remove small group work opportunities (enclaves) for Kansans with IDD from eligibility to receive funding.
- The above changes will occur at the same time as:
 1. An additional 500 - 800 Kansans with IDD are brought into service from the waiting list.
 2. A new Managed Care Organization is introduced to KanCare.
 3. A new HCBS IDD Community Support Waiver is developed and implemented.
 4. A new presidential administration assumes control of federal agencies such as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- This is all too much, too fast... **KDADS needs to slow down and redesign their plans!**